



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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SEASONAL CLEARING OF EBBETTS PASS/STATE ROUTE 4 BEGINS IN ALPINE COUNTY

Snow Will Be Removed From Highway At The Lake Alpine Sno-Park

ALPINE COUNTY — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began the seasonal clearing of State Route 4 (SR-4) on Monday, April 8, 2019. Snow will be removed from the Lake Alpine Sno-Park which will limit snowmobile access on the highway.

Caltrans manages three trans-Sierra passes in the Central Sierra that are closed during winter and generally open in spring: Ebbetts Pass/SR-4 in Alpine County, Sonora Pass/SR-108 (Tuolumne County) and Monitor Pass/SR-89 (Alpine County). Caltrans' goal is to have all winter passes open no later than the Friday before Memorial Day weekend (Friday, May 24, 2019).

Opening passes in the spring involves more than just removing snow. After the snow is removed, plugged drains need to be cleaned and downed signs need to be replaced. Prior to opening the roadway for public use, the pavement is repaired, cracks are sealed and the roadway is re-striped. The foremost guiding principle in these procedures is to maintain public and worker safety.

Check-out the video of the crew digging-in on the first day of the clearing- [video can be seen by clicking this link.](#)

The SNO-PARK program is coordinated and administered by the OHMVR Division of California State Parks, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, the California Department of Transportation, the California Highway Patrol, and various community organizations. Through this collaborative effort, winter recreation opportunities are provided at 19 SNO-PARK sites.

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